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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1143 crashes as compared to 1066 crashes in June of 2005. This was an increase of 7.2%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities remained the same. In actual numbers, there were 8 fatal crashes in June 2006 and June 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 12.1% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 74 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was 1 fatality; 14 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 59 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 6.4% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,391 crash reports in June 2006. This resulted in 7793 crash reports being mailed out, 19.1% more than last year. There were 840 visitors to the Front Office that required services which was a decrease of 9.4% when compared to June 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 28,771 CAD incidents and 36,226 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 42.6% in June 2006, as compared to June 2005. This increase may be a result of the increased staffing here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests were up 15.9% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 54.8% as compared to June 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 44.6% over June 2005.

As the Southern Command continues to fill the vacancies within their ranks, it is expected that overall enforcement activity may increase. We are continuing to focus on our performance management and we have begun an employee training program for all the staff in Southern Command that is designed to increase their knowledge and abilities in the work force. SAFESTAT will be used to identify areas of overall enforcement and help us to identify where we should focus our resources. The Southern Command expresses their gratitude to all of those working toward a safer driving community for all of us living or traveling within our great State.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	June-06		June-05	% Change		May-06	% Change
Total crashes	1143		1066	7.2%		1107	3.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	831		792	4.9%		830	0.1%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	304		271	12.2%		269	13.0%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8		3	166.7%		8	0.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	65		42	54.8%		54	20.4%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	8		3	166.7%		8	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		0	300.0%		3	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		1	200.0%		0	300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		4	-50.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		2	-200.0%		8	-800.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	74		66	12.1%		72	2.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	59		53	11.3%		59	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	14		12	16.7%		13	7.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		1	0%		0	100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.7 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 37.5 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.5 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 7.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 12.1 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 166.7% compared to last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	June-06		June-05	% Change		May-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	65		42	54.8%		54	20.4%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	146		140	4.3%		154	-5.2%
Other arrests	1071		776	38.0%		778	37.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	420		469	-10.4%		332	26.5%
Speed violations	3486		2496	39.7%		3113	12.0%
Hazardous moving violations	2795		1868	49.6%		1767	58.2%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	781		540	44.6%		701	11.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	11954		8381	42.6%		8852	35.0%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	76		33	130.3%		154	-50.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	215		66	225.8%		256	-16.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	800		893	-10.4%		731	9.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	26		11	136.4%		6	333.3%
Total safety violations -- citation	337		158	113.3%		336	0.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2082		1217	71.1%		1404	48.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	130		69	88.4%		93	39.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	63		57	10.5%		93	-32.3%
Total school buses inspected	5		0	500.0%		275	-98.2%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		38	-3800.0%
Total trucks weighed	1775		769	130.8%		81	2091.4%
Total overweight citations	58		41	41.5%		70	-17.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	828		897	-7.7%		502	64.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	6		1	500.0%		11	-45.5%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		3		3
Safety Violations Citation	0		1		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	6		4		1
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.147%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 34 years old.
- ✱ 14 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 42.8% from last year and up 35.0 % from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 130.0 % from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 10.4 % from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June-06	June-05	% Change	May-06	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	107,616	87480	-41.7%	134136	-34.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	***	368957	***	***	***
CAD Incidents	28771	22176	29.7%	26000	10.0%
Telephone Calls	36226	37727	-4.0%	30500	18.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	0	166	16600%	40	4000%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	1391	1130	23.1%	1344	3.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	Pending	433	Pending	497	Pending
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	32	33	-3.0%	19	68.4%
Vehicle Impound Releases	190	121	57.0%	128	48.4%
Visitors at Counter	840	927	-9.4%	1078	-22.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7773	6597	19.1%	7056	10.2%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	432	642	-32.7%	365	18.4%
Warrants Entered	1120	154	627.3%	411	172.5%
Warrants Cleared	313	177	76.8%	278	12.6%
Warrants Validated	1298	1147	13.2%	1244	4.3%
Extradition / Transports	11	7	-8.3%	12	57.1%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>					
New Cases Submitted	98	81	21.0%	89	10.1%
New Items Submitted	253	132	91.7%	128	97.7%
Items Disposed	75	0	7500%	34	120.6%

\*\*\*Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 10 Contracts requiring 198.50 work hours, billing \$11,856.65

**EVIDENCE**

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 89.8 % of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 9.2 % of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 1.0 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0.0% of case submissions.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- 1 from public to sworn
- 4 from Command to sworn

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. (June 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>)

**HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:**

The HEAT program had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers utilized the Camero and HEAT truck at several schools throughout the valley. The HEAT program also led a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the employees of the Hoover Dam.

**HEAT RACING**

On June 2, 2006, the HEAT Racing program was involved with the Midnight Mayhem series involving our community and the teens that race within the program.

**COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:**

The Courage to Live Program offers an educational presentation and open discussion forum with adults, parents and high school or middle school students on our community. This is still in the planning stages and we intend to launch in the Fall of 2006.

**DRIVER'S EDGE:**

The HEAT program continues to be a strong asset to the Driver's Edge program. The HEAT presentation includes a DUI discussion and activities as well as presentations on seat belt safety and traffic laws.

**Public Requests for Information: 193**

12 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

183 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report

**Press releases: 11**

7 were fatality related and all 11 were related to the Highway Patrol